

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BY HIS EXCELLENCY
JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR**

Executive Order 2010-01

An Order Declaring a State of Emergency Due to Severe Weather

WHEREAS, on February 25 and February 26, 2010 a winter storm brought extreme weather, heavy rains and strong winds causing power outages and flooding throughout the State;

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has forecasted additional snow and rain and temperatures near or below freezing over the next several days;

WHEREAS, the storm has caused the widespread disruption of electrical power and communications to over three hundred thousand homes and businesses throughout the state, which has threatened the delivery of critical public services;

WHEREAS, the damage caused by fallen trees has so severely damaged the electric infrastructure it will take several days to restore power to hundreds of thousands of New Hampshire citizens;

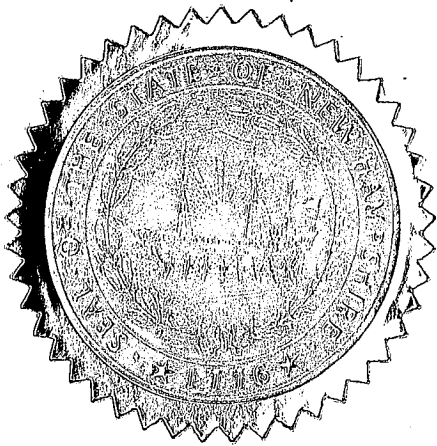
WHEREAS, several communities across the state have opened emergency shelters to provide emergency services to displaced individuals;

WHEREAS, under the provisions of New Hampshire RSA 4:45, I find that a natural disaster of major proportions has occurred within this state, and that the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this state require the declaration of a state of emergency as defined in RSA 21-P:35, VIII;

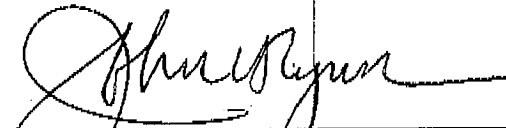
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, by the authority vested in me by Part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution and New Hampshire RSA 4:45, do hereby declare a state of emergency to exist in the State of New Hampshire.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the emergency management powers under my direction pursuant to RSA 4:47, 21-P:34 *et. seq.*, and the State Emergency Operations Plan.

I FUTHER DIRECT that as soon as possible, this Executive Order be filed with the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Executive Order.



Given under my hand and seal this
26th day of February, in the year of
our Lord, two thousand and ten.


Governor of New Hampshire